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From: Coursen, Robin
Sent: Tue 8/12/2014 4:30:04 PM
Subject: FW: QA for IAs Training registrations
START Registrations for QA for IAs class 6-12-14.docx



Can the two of you attend this training coming up there are not many Superfund folks. Tom will be rolling out the requirements and I need a few “informed” RPMs to be there.

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From: Brooks, Tom
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 10:05 AM
To: Coursen, Robin
Subject: RE: QA for IAs Training registrations

Hi –

Attached is the current registration list.

Tom

From: Coursen, Robin
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 2:24 PM
To: Brooks, Tom
Subject: RE: QA question

I am checking with Dan Wall on answers to your questions. Will get back to you. PS can you tell me who is signed up for the training in Aug? I can do a walk around.

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From: Brooks, Tom
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 12:34 PM
To: Coursen, Robin
Cc: Himmelbauer, Linda
Subject: RE: QA question

Hi Robin –

Thanks for asking – I'm glad that we are starting to work together on these IA questions.

This is a good question – Some factors to consider:

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Is the existing QAPP approved by the RQAM or by someone else?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Does the new project require a “significant” change to the existing QAPP (e.g.

DQOs, methods, detection limits, data validation)? A change in sample locations is not a significant change.

- Does the period of approval of the existing QAPP cover the time frame of the new project?

Per the IA Manual and QA policy, a new IA can employ an existing, valid QAPP (see the QA terms and conditions in my IA procedure that refer to this). As you know there is some flexibility when identifying QA requirements (e.g. who will do what QA tasks) in IAs as long we still meet EPA QA requirements. I'll work with you to figure out how to make this happen to the extent that I can.

It looks like you might be on a short deadline for this – please let me know when it is convenient for you and/or Paula to meet. I'll need to see a copy of the existing QAPP and the draft SOW if available.

Tom

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It is better to stir up a question without deciding it, than to decide it without stirring it up.

~Joseph Joubert

There are many experts on how things have been done up to now. If you think something could use a little improvement, you are the expert.

~Robert Brault

From: Coursen, Robin
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 4:06 PM
To: Brooks, Tom
Subject: QA question

Paula Schmidtdiehl has a QAPP for mini sippers (sampling) in the Upper Animas River (early Superfund work). She wants to put her next batch of funding in a different IA than it was previously funded under but still with the same USGS field office. Is the existing QAPP adequate or does more need to be done in placing the money under a new IA? I want to be sure I can put her money in this new IA without needing a new QAPP as that will take too long to negotiate for what she needs.